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SUBJECT: RHODESIA REPORTEDLY REQUESTS BORDER TALKS WITH BOTSWANA

1. RADIO BOTSWANA CARRIED A REPORT DECEMBER 22 THAT GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA HAS REQUESTED TALKS WITH GOB, WITH OBJECT OF LESSENING BORDER TENSIONS. BOTSWANA MINEXTAFF MOGWE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD PRESS THAT GOB HAS NOT YET RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE SMITH GOVERNMENT, THAT HE ONLY HAD RECEIVED PRESS REPORTS, AND THAT IN ANY CASE THERE IS NOTHING TO DISCUSS. BORDER TENSIONS CAN BE LESSENNED IN ONLY ONE WAY, AND THAT IS BY THE RHODESIANS CEASING THEIR PROVOCATIONS.

2. IN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON MINEXTAFF MOGWE (SEE SEPTTEL), THE LATTER WAS ASKED ABOUT THIS REPORT. MOGWE SAID HE WAS ONLY INFORMED OF IT BY A RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTER CALLIN HIM
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ABOUT IT AT 2 AM. DECEMBER 22. AT THAT TIME, AND IN RESPONSE TO LATER MEDIA QUERIES AS WELL, MOGWE GAVE THE RESPONSES REPORTED IN THE PRECEEDING PARAGRAPH. HE CLEARLY CONTINUED TO FEEL THE SAME WAY, ALTHOUGH HE DID GIVE US THE IMPRESSION THAT AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE SMITH GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE GIVEN MORE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY GOB.

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